

Running on Empty

Chapter 07

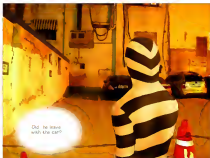
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Did he leave
with the car?

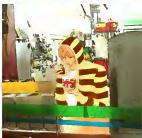


Since we're
running,
I can't
use my
cellphone



I wonder
why the
car isn't
being
tracked. Is
it a jacked
car?









Its already a heart
potion



Red light red when the
red lips and skin



Since its
already dead
its fine



No matter what
happens to me its
doesn't matter

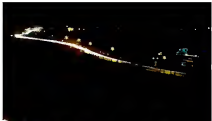


Cause its already
dead



Am hungry





Hey bro
I'm hungry

FEEDING A
HOSTAGE COST
YOU MUCH

Why did he
try to kill
himself?

RECEIVED
FROM
THE
LIBRARY
OF
THE
UNIVERSITY
OF
MICHIGAN

Could he be
waiting for me?

I'll die before I
go back, Hoser

FRUIT



It teach
you
English



Repeat after me



You're so cute







Snap out of it



Even if we're
running
together
even if he
cries at
me
everyday
we aren't
friends or
anything
We can't be
more



Will he think that
I've abandoned him?



What
will he
think?



It's going crazy...

Don't
think
about
him

I've seen boys like
Lui I bet still are



But while we
were together
it was nice

The days when
there was
someone who'd
take care of me
someone that I
was responsible
for



But now I
need to go
alone







THEN, A BREATH
AS WHITE AS
SNOW AND A
MADAM VOICE!



PLUGGED MY
EARS

"LET'S GO!"



4:44



"THE CLOCK IS
COUNTING UP THE
BOMBS!"



ALRIGHT,
FIRE!

THE BOMB WEARING KITT HATCH BEINGS "DEATHY
DEATHY DEATHY" IN CHINESE CHARACTERS





IT TITLES

RUB

RUB



RUB

I'm so tired



It just sleep a
little

To be continued..

Flah-chaan, sorry, we forgot
to wish you a Happy
Birthday in time.
and fourgoddelyst, happy
birthday to you too!
Did I forget about anyone
that should?

yes, thanks to all of
those who are with us in
spite of the hard times
times!!

A/C Goldhair

Yay Project fall... another year
passed by... and hopefully more to
come :D ... happy Anniversary...
and Halloween :D

Mistweaver2

Ahem... cough cough
It's great to know that Noir is
already been 1 year old!!
Happy Anniversary!! Hope
Noir will continue forever and
ever... and did I forget... and
have a happy Halloween...!

Shura
[2006-10-01]

Yay! Noir is officially 1 year
old!!!!!! Hookam despite
all of our age and down...
I hope that Noir will continue
to live on for another long
and beautiful year!!!!
HAPPY ANN-IV-ER!! :D

celigefuror

Wow!! Congrats to Noir
and staff on our 1 year
anniversary and I hope that
there will be many more
anniversaries to come!
"huggles"

Happy Halloween too-

Congratulations, Noir
and staff! You're all
wanted to have! Hope
there will be much, much
more for Noir in the
future! And for all you
lovers, how about you
join us? :)

Mid

Congratulations to Noir
anniversary and keep up
the good work!
Thankwork is the key to
Success Anniver

Amelia

I want to say... On your long life!!
Happy Anniversary!! :D :D :D :D

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WELL HE BE MAD ABOUT
HOW I'VE BEEN COMET
WELL HE'S NOT THE
TYPE TO GET ANNOY



PUT...
HE'S GOING TO FEEL
DETERRED AFTER BEING
LEFT ALONE WITHOUT ANY
WORK... HE MUST BE MAD

WAAA... IT'S NOT AS IF
I DID SOMETHING REALLY BAD
AND AM I SO NERVOUS? JUST
FEELING THAT NOTHING'S
THE WAY IT



Creak







HEY...

2200

HEY! DUDE!

2200

2200



HE, HEY—!

WAKE UP!
OPEN YOUR
EYES!



ARE YOU
PLAYING WITH ME...
YOU SAID THAT YOU
WOULDN'T DIE ON ME
UNTIL I'VE BEEN
PROVEN INNOCENT...
THAT I'LL BE IN
TROUBLE IF YOU
DIE?...



BUT
WHAT'S THIS...
I CAME BACK,
I CAME BACK...

I
HAVEN'T
EVEN BEEN
PROVEN
INNOCENT
YET...



IF YOU DIE
LIKE THIS...

WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED
TO DO...?





DON'T
START DRIVING
IF DRUNK
ALREADY

I'M NOT
DRUNK YET



F... YOU
BASTARD...



WHAT
ARE YOU
DRIVING?
PARALLEL FOR
A GUY.



CRUISE
BASTARD...



WEREN'T
THE GUY WHO
TOOK PICTURES OF
ME TRYING TO JUMP
OFF A BUILDING?
HEARD*, YOU
WERE THAT
TYPE OF A
PERSON

DON'T
LOOK AT ME
LIKE THAT. IT'S
STARTING TO GET
ON MY NERVES.
I HATE IT!

BUT DO
YOU KNOW
SOMETHING?



HYLAIN,
YOU'RE REALLY
PITIFUL...



PITIFUL...

WHEN I FIRST
MET YOU, I THOUGHT
YOU WERE SCARY. BUT
AS I'VE COME TO KNOW
YOU MORE AND MORE,
YOU'RE SO PITIFUL THAT
I WANT TO STAY BY
YOUR SIDE.



BUT...
I DIDN'T REALIZE
THAT I WAS BECOMING
A BURDEN... I THOUGHT
ABOUT IT WHILE YOU
WERE GONE.



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IF YOU
THOUGHT THAT
YOU'RE BETTER OFF
LEAVING ME BEHIND
AND DECIDED TO LEAVE
ME, TO JUST GO OFF
AND FINISH OFF WHAT
I WAS GOING TO DO
BEFORE I MET
YOU.



BUT, WHAT
A FAILURE. I COULDN'T
BUT MY WRIST.



CRUEL
BARBERS

HOW
COULD YOU
SMILE LIKE THAT
WHILE SCARED
IN BLOOD?

WUNO,
WHY ARE YOU
CROWING THEM IF I'M
THE ONE COVERED
IN BLOOD?

REVEREND,
PUT WHAT'S WITH
THE ATTITUDE ALL
OF A SUDDEN?

JUST
LET ME GO
TWO ONES.



I HAD GOOD BEANS IN SCHOOL. ALTHOUGH I WASN'T ONE OF THE TOP RUNNING STUDENTS.



IT MAY SOUND PRETTY MESSED UP COMING FROM ME.

BUT I THOUGHT I WAS A PRETTY DECENT GUY.

IF I'D CONTINUED AS IT'D BEEN GOING THEN I COULD HAVE EASILY CONTINUED FATHER'S BUSINESS WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE.

I COULD HAVE GRADUATED FROM A UNIVERSITY LIKE DAD, DONE AND STUDIED AROUND IF I WANTED TO, THEN STARTED WORKING AT DAD'S HOSPITAL AND EVENTUALLY INHERIT THE HOSPITAL FROM HIM.



GRLS WOULD HAVE LINED UP FOR ME.

I NEVER KNEW WHAT "LIVING WITHOUT" MEANT.

IT'S ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT BEING POOR WAS BECAUSE THE PERSON WAS LACKING IN SOME WAY.



EVERYONE LOOK ME



ME - I JUST
THOUGHT EVERYONE
LOOK ME

RYOHO---
HAVE YOU HEARD
ABOUT THAT INCIDENT?
THE ONE ABOUT THE GIRL
WHO DIED WHILE IN
SURGERY



THE ONE
WHERE THEY TRIED
TO KEEP THE BODY FROM
BEING RETURNED TO THE
FAMILY WITH THE EXCUSE
THAT THE GIRL HAD
WISHED TO HAVE
HER ORGANS
DONATED...

ME---
I KNOW
ABOUT IT... THEY
FOUND OUT LATER
THAT SHE DIED DUE
TO A MISTAKE IN
ANESTHESIA
DURING SURGERY



THE
PAPERWORK
FOR ORGANS
DONATION HAD
SAID TO HAVE
BEEN

A COVER-UP
AHEAD BY THE
HOSPITAL FOR THE
LEGAL REASON---
IT WAS REALLY
CREEPY FOR A
WHILE---



IT WAS
ALL OVER THE
NEWSPAPERS,
TV, INTERNET

IT WAS SOOO
ALRIGHT PRETTY
MUCH

HYUNG,
WHAT DO YOU THINK
BETWEEN THE PARENTS
THAT LOST A DAUGHTER
DUE TO AN ILLEGAL
ABORTION

AND THE SON
OF THE DOCTOR
WHO JUST KILLED A
PATIENT PERFORMING
AN ILLEGAL
ABORTION...

WHO
DO YOU THINK
IS BETTER
OFF?

WHO'S
BETTER
OFF...

TO THINK
THE SON WHO'S
STILL ALIVE IS
PROBABLY
BETTER OFF

DO YOU
REALLY THINK
THAT THE LIVING IS
BETTER OFF?

EVEN IF
LIVING IS HELL
ON EARTH EVERY
SINGLE DAY?

WUNT... YOU
AREN'T SAYING...

... YOU'RE
RIGHT. THAT
DOCTOR WAS MY
FATHER.

THE MAN
I'D RESPECTED
THE MOST AND
DEVELOPED TO BE
MY MODEL
IN LIFE.

AFTER THAT INCIDENT, THE HOSPITAL HAD TO CLOSE DOWN

HE SOLD THE HOSPITAL AND CLEANED UP EVERYTHING HE COULD WITH MONEY

Went back my house

HOW COULD A MAN OF COURAGE IN SUCH A SITUATION? WENT BACK IN DANGEROUS SITUATIONS

BUT NOW COMES IN A MATTER OF MORTALS

WHEN I WAS AT HOME, I FELT DIFFICULT

FATHER CLAIMED THAT HE WAS JUST TAKING A BREAK, BUT HE WAS INCAPABLE OF WORKING AGAIN

IT HAD THE SAME AT SCHOOL...

I would have transferred schools already if I wasn't here

How could he show up to school?

It's that awful dad

His father

EVENTUALLY, HE MOVED AND I TRANSFERRED SCHOOLS

NOT NOTHING CHANGED

FATHER HAD JUST TOO HEAVY CROSS

I DON'T WANT
TO STAY HOME.

I DON'T WANT TO
GO TO SCHOOL.

That's that
guy's mom.

Really?

I DON'T WANT
TO GET ALONG WITH
COURT-OF-BIG KIDS

AND I HATED
GETTING PICKED
THE MOST

DON'T TRY TO GET MUCH
ATTENTION TO MAKE THE
OTHER KIDS ARE SAYING,

"I THINK THAT POLICE FATHER
WAS IN A SITUATION THAT HE
JUST COULDN'T DO ANYTHING
ABOUT. AFTER ALL, EVERYONE
MAKES MISTAKES."



I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING

I DON'T WANT TO BE ANYWHERE



I HATE IT THAT
SOFTER COUNTLESS
HARD TIMES



A person in a dark suit is falling upside down from a building with a tiled roof. Three flames are trailing behind them as they fall. In the background, another person is sitting on a ledge of a different building under a blue sky with clouds.

IT JUMPED OFF
THE ROOF A COUPLE
HUNDRED FEET
ALREADY IN MY HAND

BUT AN ANGEL WITH
WINGS SAVED ME FROM
FALLING FROM A RAGGED
HANGAR THAT DAY

SOMEONE
WHO COULD SAVE
LIFE COULD SAVE
TO LIFE

FOR A MAN WHO
HIS FUTURE
WAS FROM A LIE
CHANGES



I WAS REALLY
SCARED...



DON'T
LEAVE ME
ALONE AGAIN.



THAT'S WHY
I CAME BACK

YOU KNOW

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NOT NOW,
NOT YET!

ALTHOUGH I WISH
EVERYONE WOULD HELP YOUR
SEARCH, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE
CHARGED YOUR OWN, AND I'M
GLAD SINCE YOU KNOW
THIS

IT SEEMS THAT I CAN
HELP IN FINDING YOUR
DREAM ADDRESS,
WAS IT OR NOT



THERE WAS NO ONE IN
YOUR HIGH SCHOOL WHO
KNEW YOUR DREAM
ADDRESS

I HAVE TO GO BACK TO
YOUR OLD SCHOOL AND
INVESTIGATE BEFORE
BEING ABLE TO FIND IT



I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR
YOU EVERYWHERE, WHERE
ON EARTH ARE YOU?



I HAD TO EXPLAIN
FOR AN HOUR AT
THE POLICE STATION

BUT THEY KEPT SAYING
THAT YOU MUST HAVE
JUST RUN AWAY FROM
HOME AND KEPT TELLING
ME TO WAIT

THEY REPEATED
COMMENTS TO
WHAT SHOULD BE
STAY



EMERGENCY, I
CHANGED A FEW
THE SCENE ONE DAY
AND ENDED UP
STAYING THE NIGHT
IN THE DETENTION
CENTER



I, AS YOUR FATHER, MUST
BE ABLE TO CARE AND THINK ABOUT
YOU WHILE TRYING TO DEAL WITH
MY OWN PROBLEMS



I MUST HAVE BELIEVED
THAT YOU WOULD BE
ALRIGHT, SINCE YOU'VE
ALWAYS BEEN THE GOOD
KID, RIGHT? NOT IN MY MIND



ACCORDING TO MY
JOURNAL, YOUR
WALLET WAS
FOUND AT THE
CRIME SCENE WERE

ONE THAT YOU'D
LOST TWO DAYS
BEFORE THE
MURDER



ALSO, THAT DAY I LOAN YOU 100,000
YEN. (YOU STILL HAVEN'T PAID ME BACK.
PLEASE PAY ME BACK LATER. :3)



INCIDENTALLY, ON THE
DAY OF THE MURDER, YOUR
MISSING WALLET APPEARED
AT FREUDMAN KIM'S HOUSE

THAT DAY WE TOOK THE TAD BUT YOU SURELY
HAVE YOUR WALLET AND DON'T HAVE ANY
MONEY TO PAY FOR THE TAD FARE



WOULDN'T IT SEEM
TAD IF SOMEONE
IMMEDIATELY STOLE
YOUR WALLET AND
PLACED IT AT THE
CRIME SCENE?



THAT SOMEONE
IS MOST LIKELY A
PERSON WHO'S BEEN
WITH YOU THE DAY
THAT YOU LOSE
YOUR WALLET
(IT MIGHT BE
WORTH A TRY)

IF THERE'S ANYTHING
THAT COMES TO YOUR MIND
ABOUT THE KIDS WITH YOUR
PROBLEMS WHICH WERE
FOUNDED AT THE LOBBY
SCENE?

IT'S BEEN
APPROXIMATELY 10 YEARS
IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
FROM THE ONE THAT YOU
USUALLY ENJOY
ABOUT.

WONG-KIM
I BROUGHT A
MILK-BOT FIRST
ONCE. CAN YOU
TAKE A LOOK?

WONG-KIM
LET
ME SEE

WONG-KIM, IT'S HARD TO SEE
AND TAKE TO YOU IN ORDER
PEOPLE DON'T SEE

IS THIS RIGHT?



HEY, ARE YOU
GOING TO KEEP
GAMING?

ALL RIGHT,
I'M DONE



WHY IT'S
SHINING!

IT'S REALLY
WINTER, THE DAY THAT
I WAS DRAGGED ALONG
BY YOU WAS ABOUT WHEN
I STARTED READING OUR
SCHOOL'S AUTUMN
MAGAZINE.

IT'S ALREADY BEGIN
A NIGHTING FOR ME



I SAW THAT?



YES



WHY
WHY WOULD
I SAY SOMETHING LIKE
THAT? YOU MUST
HAVE HEARD
WRONG.



WHAT?

THINK ABOUT IT.
YOUR FATHER OWED ME ABOUT
FIVE HUNDRED MILLION YEN* BY
TODAY'S STANDARDS, THAT
WOULD BE ALMOST FIVE
BILLION YEN.*



IF YOU
CALCULATE THE
INTEREST FOR TEN
YEARS, DO YOU
KNOW HOW MUCH
THAT IS?

DO YOU THINK
THE MONEY TO TAKE IN
TEACH, FOOD, AND CLOTHES
A TEN YEAR OLD BOY
JUST DECIDED OUT OF
THE SKY AS WELL?



NO MATTER
HOW HARD YOU WORKED
AND EVEN IF I WERE TO CUT
YOU SOME SLACK, THERE'S
NO WAY THAT YOU COULD
PAY BACK ALL THAT MONEY
WITH JUST TEN YEARS.

*The 500 million yen is roughly about \$600,000,000 in US currency.
\$ billion means roughly 100 million dollars in US currency.



DO THINK
ABOUT IT.



IT'S NOT LIKE YOU
KNOW HOW TO DO
ANYTHING ELSE.



JUST
GROW UP AND
KEEP WORKING
HARD.



I'VE THOUGHT
OF EVERYTHING AND
HAVE EVERYTHING
PLANNED OUT.

SO DON'T WORRY
ABOUT ANYTHING
AND JUST DO
YOUR JOB.

BY THEN, HE
KNEW EACH OTHER.

I REMEMBER THAT THE BOSS
HAD NEVER PLANNED ON
LEAVING ME SO EARLY.

THE BOSS KNEW
THAT I JUST WANT
TO KEEP WORKING
THAT.

WELL,
IT'S NOT LIKE I'D
EXPECTED TOO
MUCH...

I DON'T THINK
TART IS NEAR TO
KEEP FAITH AND
LOVED.

I VANISHED AFTER I
FORGOT MY LAST
ASSIGNMENT

THAT'S
BETRAYAL.
BETRAYAL.

BUT IT WAS
HARDER, CLIPPING
DANGER FOR JUDITH
ON A TOWER MAN WITH
A BRIGHT FUTURE
AHEAD OF HIM

ACTUALLY, WHEN
I LEFT, I TOOK THE
ONE MILLION FROM THAT
I'D RECEIVED FROM MY
LAST ASSIGNMENT WITH
ME AND RUN

FROM A MILLION FROM A TOWER (BETTER
DOING A TOWER FROM)

ALL ONE? ONE
MILLION??

SINCE THEY CAN'T
ACCESS ME OF STEALING
MONEY SINCE THE MONEY
IS ILLEGAL FUNDS, I
THINK THEY WERE TRYING
TO CATCH ME BY MAKING
UP FALSE CHARGES

ONE MILLION...
WHERE IS IT NOW??

I USED UP MORE
THAN HALF OF IT
BEFORE I MET
YOU. I HAVE LESS
THAN A QUARTER
OF THAT LEFT
NOW.



ONE BILLION .
IT'S HARD TO EARN
THAT MUCH MONEY
BUT SPENDING
IT IS A LOT
EASIER THAN
YOU THINK.



EVEN
THOUGH WE'RE
STAYING AT THE
CHEAPEST PLACES,
WE'RE ON A
PRETTY TIGHT
BUDGET.



RIGHT THEN YOU
USED TO STAY AT
SOME PRETTY NICE
PLACES THEN?



AT FIRST, WHEN
I'D JUST LANDED
A BILLION YEN,
AND I WASN'T
AFRAID TO USE IT.

THAT THAT BEING
SOMEONE.



IF I'D MET YOU
EARLIER, THEN I
COULD HAVE STAYED
AT SOME NICE HOTEL
INSTEAD OF CHEAP
HOTELS.







WE

DO YOU THINK
WE'LL BE ABLE TO
RUN LIKE THIS
AGAIN?



I WISH
WE COULD
ALWAYS RUN
LIKE THIS



SOMEDAY
SOMEDAY...



INSTEAD OF
TRAVELLING ON THE
RUN LIKE THIS, I WANT
TO GO ON A REAL TRIP
WITH YOU

TO SOMEWHERE COMPLETELY UNKNOWN



SOMEPLACE LIKE MICHIGAN (WHERE
HE CAN'T COMMUNICATE) HE ALONE

*"SCORCHED BY SAND
BURNED A BLUE HOT WOUND ON
THE SWARTZ BACK OF A
JAGUEL."*

*"I THINK IT'S BE PRETTY
HOT TO EXPERIENCE
SOMETHING OF BEACHES
LIKE THAT."*



TRYING OUT
ALL OF SHUNGO'S
CAMERAS AND AD-
VERTS



GOING TO
BATHHOUSE AND
BUYING LOTS OF
FOR MARIAGE



AND THEN COME TO
A RAMP CAFE AND TAKE
PICTURES WITH A PRETTY
RAMP GIRL



HEY! HEY, WHERE
DO YOU WANT
TO GO?



WELL...
SINCE I'M A
WANTED PERSON, I
DON'T THINK I CAN
APPLY FOR A
PASSPORT...



NOT AGAIN, DON'T
GET SO SERIOUS. CAN'T
YOU JUST IMAGINE
STUFF WITHOUT
STRESSING
OUT?

IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU HAVE TO GO
TO IMAGINE THINGS. CAN'T
YOU IMAGINE ANYTHING
WITHOUT A PASSPORT?



WHA?

I WANT
TO GO...



TO THE
MEDITERRANEAN. I
WANT TO GO TO THE
MEDITERRANEAN
SEA.

WANTING-
TO-GO SEAS?

WELL... I SAW A
MOVIE TITLED "THE
MEDITERRANEAN
SEA" BEFORE...



IT WAS ABOUT SOME SOLDIERS
WHO WERE LEFT ON AN ISLAND
ON THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA.

THEY WERE LIVING, DISCOVERING
THAT THE WAR THEY'D BEEN
PART OF HAD ENDED.

THEIR LIFE BECAME COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT AND BEEF.

A SEA THAT'S CLOSE TO THE
POINT THAT YOU CAN SEE THE
SHIPS—



SOUNDS GOOD
THEN LET'S GO
THERE SOMEBODY



SURE,
LET'S GO
TOGETHER. LET'S
GO TO GO MOROCCO
AND CHINA
AS WELL...



THAT!
LET'S GO
THERE AS WELL.
I WANTED TO
GO THERE
TOO



HOW ABOUT
NEW YORK? I'VE
WANTED TO GO
SINCE I'VE SEEN
SO MUCH IN
MOVIES

YES ON
NEW YORK

LET'S GO TO
PARIS AFTER
THAT

PERHAP
WHY NOT
HOW 'BOUT
LONDON?



WHA!
LONDON
SOUNDS GOOD
ANYWHERE
BUT...

THE ALPS

I WANT TO GO
TO ALASKA

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A TATTOO
ON HIS HAND...



THE END









YOU'RE PRETTY CUTE.
YOU'RE LIKE THE IDOLS
ON TV. LOOK AT THE
NICE SOFT SKIN.

YOU'D ATTRACT
A LOT OF CUSTOMERS.
IF I TURNED YOU OVER TO A
HOSTESS CLUB OR ANYONE
A GUY LIKE ME WOULD
BE BITTER.



THERE'S
SOMETHING I'VE
HEARD BEFORE- IT'S
CALLED THE "STOCKHOLM
SYNDROME". I THINK
IT'S WHEN THE CAPTOR
AND CAPTIVE DEVELOP
FEELINGS FOR EACH
OTHER AND SO...

WELL,
I THINK YOU
GOT THE DEED.
I THINK YOU'VE
DEVELOPED SOME
FEELINGS FOR
ME, RIGHT?



SICK
PERVERTS. YOU
MUST HAVE HAD
A LOT OF FUN WHILE
I'VE BEEN RUNNING.
MY FEET OFF
LOOKING FOR
YOU GUY?

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT HIS TASTES
RAN INTO GAYS...
HOW FAR HAVE YOU
GONE WITH HIM?

SLEPT WITH
HIM?







SHAME-LIKE BASTARD
WHAT'S YOUR PLAN THIS TIME? WHY
ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME AFTER
SETTING ME UP AS A MURDERER?

DID YOU REALLY
NOT KNOW? DURING
THE 9 YEARS THAT I'VE
WORKED FOR YOU, YOU'VE
ALWAYS BEEN LOOKING
ELSEWHERE.

EVER
THOUGHT YOU WERE
IN THE SHAD LOWEST TOWN
ARE YOU DESIGNED TO SET UP A
DIFFERENT WORLD, AS IF YOU
WERE READY TO FLY OFF
SOMEWHERE WITHOUT
ANY WARNING...

STOP TALKING
ABOUT NONSENSE
AND GET TO THE
POINT!

PUHA
WHO CARES?
I THOUGHT I'D FEEL
MORE SECURE AFTER
HEARING YOU GET LOCKED
UP FOR MURDER. BUT
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT
THAT YOU'D RUN
LIKE THAT...

TO RUN OFF
WITH A GUY LIKE HIM
AND HAVE FUN?









CRACK

SPLASH

ADMIT MY MISTAKE
MY EYES! WHAT
DID YOU THINK
AT NIGHT

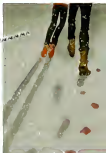
WHERE ARE YOU?
BUT— I CAN'T
HEAR! COME
HERE!

SLASH

I'LL KILL
YOU

SHINY
SUNSHINE
BUT THIS
STUDENT!

I'LL KILL LIKE
YOU. I DIDN'T
JOIN THE ARMY
UNWILLINGLY
LIKE YOU DID.





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WHAT'S THE
MATTER? DID
YOU GET
HURT?

I WAS
WOUNDED



DON'T
WORRY, I'VE
STOPPED THE
BLEEDING. GOOD
THAT MY CLOTHES
WERE TACK...

STARTLED
BY THAT
BUTTERFLY

IT'S NOT
THAT DEEP



IF WE'D
STAYED MY
WOUNDS IT'D BE
DEEP TROUGH...
HOW ABOUT YOU?

HIS

WAS

HOW
ARE YOU
FEELING ABOUT
ME AT A TIME
LIKE THIS?



LET'S
GO TO A
HOSPITAL!



I CAN'T...
THERE'S PROBABLY
PUNISHED POSTERS ALL
OVER THE PLACE. THE
POLICE WILL BE THERE
BEFORE I FINISH
DRESSING IN



WHO CARES ABOUT THE POLICE OR FBI OR WHATEVER YOU NEED TO LIVE BEFORE YOU CAN WORRY ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT.

LET'S GO TO THE HOSPITAL.

YOU ... SHOULD LEAVE NOW.



PLANT?



I CAN'T TRAVEL WITH YOU ANY LONGER. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU AND FOR ME.

GO HOME NOW.



WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU WANT ME TO LEAVE YOU LIKE THIS? NO?

IT'S NOT A MATTER OF WHAT WE WANT OR DON'T WANT!







DON'T
WE HAVE
ANY FEVER
MEDICATION?

HE'S
FUNKING UP!



HEY

HEY



HE'S RACKING
UP EVEN AFTER COOLING
HIM OFF WITH A COLD
TOWEL.

TURN
THIS BOY AND LIE
DOWN- WE NEED TO
RIDGE YOUR UPPER
BODY ABOVE YOUR
HEART!



WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?



1:50 AM
THERE'S NO
PHARMACY
OPEN AT
THIS TIME

IT CAN'T
BE HELPED



TOGETHER

TOK









WHAT A SLOW
HIS BREATHING IS
GETTING BETTER..







HELLO—!

WAKE UP



HELLO—

DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT GOING TO DIE!

I JUST...
WANT TO SLEEP.



WAS
POPPY

IT'S HEATING
UP AGAIN



SCARS—
SWITCHES





IT'S FINE
IT'LL BE FINE.

HE'S NOT
BREATHING...



THIS HAPPENED
BEFORE.

SO YOU CAN'T
FIE NOW.

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MY FINGER'S
GONE...

THANKS TO HIM



BUT WHY

DOES MY HEART
FEEL SO NERVOUS...



ONE TO HIM







Life is a journey

I will not stop today

AGAIN

The road I walked alone after we separated

Heart like a renegade's attempt to walk

I was afraid of losing you

But now I know

SENSELESS

We were born to be free

To be continued

THE END

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I TRAVELLED FOR
ANOTHER MONTH AFTER
HE LEFT, LEAVING HIS
BAG BEHIND



WHILE
TRAVELLING ALONE,
I STARTED DEVELOPING
THE FILMS, ONE
BY ONE



THE PICTURES
THAT HE TREASURED
SO MUCH AND I'D BEEN
SO CURIOUS ABOUT...



WERE A HUGE
DISAPPOINTMENT

WHY DID HE
TAKE THESE
PICTURES?



THEY WERE
COMPLETELY
USELESS



AT LEAST I
THOUGHT THAT
AT FIRST

I BECAME MORE
AND MORE CURIOUS
ABOUT LOOKING AT
THE PICTURES

WHY WAS SOMEONE
LIKE HIM WHO DIDN'T CARE
ABOUT THINGS TAKING
HIM SO CLOSELY BY AS THE
THE PICTURE?

WHAT WAS HE
THINKING WHEN HE TOOK
THESE POINTLESS AND
MEANINGLESS
PICTURES?

WHAT WAS IT
THAT HE SAW IN THESE
SEEMINGLY PATHETIC
THINGS?





PUT IN THOSE
COUNTLESS HUNDRED
PICTURES

THESE HAVE
NOT ONE WITH
HIMSELF IN IT

THE NEXT
TIME I SAW HIM

HE WALKED
THE ROAD



LEE DO,
THE PRIMARY
SUSPECT FOR THE
MURDER OF DOO
FAMILY HAS BEEN
TAKEN INTO CUSTODY
AFTER 7 MONTHS OF
HIDING FROM THE
AUTHORITIES.



LEE DO
HAS VERGEMENTLY
DENIED CHARGES FOR
MURDER BUT HAS REMAINED
SILENT CONCERNING HIS
KIDNAPPING 9 MONTHS AGO.
INVESTIGATIONS ARE
STILL CONTINUING TO
CONFIRM THE STATUS
OF THE KIDNAPPED
VICTIM.

NE



THAT I REALIZED

HE MUST NOT
HAVE STOPPED MAKING HIS
PICTURE TAKEN



LEE OS, SUSPECT
FOR MURDER

MAIN COLLECTOR
OF MONEY FOR LEGAL
PRIVATE MONEY
LOANERS, RELATED TO
SOME ACTIVITIES

THAT WASN'T
SOMONE KNEW



IT WAS A MASK
COVERING THE PERSON
THAT I KNEW



IT WAS THEN
THAT I KNEW

THE WEAPONS
BEHIND ALL THE PICTURES
THAT HE'D TAKEN



THIS FISH WAS
A GIFT FROM
A FRIEND.



THIS FISH WAS
A GIFT FROM
A FRIEND.



THIS FISH WAS
A GIFT FROM
A FRIEND.





AFTER HE
WAS TAKEN INTO
CUSTODY, I WENT
TO THE POLICE
STATION

TO LET THEM
KNOW THAT I AS
THE CAPTIVE,
WAS ALRIGHT



OF COURSE,
THEY DIDN'T BELIEVE ME
RIGHT OFF AND THERE WAS
A LONG INTERVIEW
THAT I HAD TO GET
THROUGH



MY FATHER CAME
AS SOON AS HE WAS
CONTACTED ABOUT MY
WHEREABOUTS



MY FATHER HAD
STARTED WORK AGAIN AS
A SALARY DOCTOR



HE DIDN'T ASK ME
NOTHING



THE ME THAT
HE SAW

IF I THOUGHT THAT I WAS
COMPLETELY BROKEN DOWN,
COMPLETELY WRONG,
COMPLETELY ALONE.

THAT IT'S NOTHING
TO LOSE AND COULD
DO WHATEVER
I WANTED

BUT
TWE ME THAT
HE SAW SHOE
BOLLANTLY

I WANT TO SEE HIM

I WANT TO
SEE HIM

My longing for you has spread
through my heart this night



When I think about the
beautiful memories of
what we did together~



TEENS TO BE COMING





THE
REAL CLEVER
WAS CAUGHT
BECAUSE THE
WHITE HANDED
GUY

WOW! REALLY?!

HE
CONFERRED
EVENTUALLY
I'M FREE FROM
ALL CHARGES

I'M NOT
A SUSPECT
OR WANTED FOR
ANYTHING. I'M JUST
LEE HYUNGDO.

NOT MEETING
YOU FOR THE FIRST
TIME. 'JUST USE
HYUNGDO'

BUT WHAT'S
WITH THE REDDOT

THEY SAID
IT TO ME WHEN
I BROUGHT
THE GAME...

HOW DOES
IT LOOK?

I WAS
CONSIDERING
WHY I'D A NEW
SET, SINCE IF I
PRACTICE, I'LL
BE ABLE TO
FLY.

LOOKS
GOOD. DARK
GOOD, BUT COME
DOWN. YOU'RE
SCARING ME.



ARE
YOU BUSY
TODAY?

WANT TO GO
SOMEWHERE
ALONE?

WANT
NO, NOT
REALLY..



An anime-style illustration of two characters in a bright, outdoor setting. On the left, a character with short, spiky orange hair is seen from the back, wearing an orange long-sleeved shirt and dark pants with a strap over his shoulder. On the right, a character with dark, curly hair is wearing a grey jacket and looking towards the first character. The background is a soft-focus view of a path lined with green trees under a blue sky with light clouds. Several speech bubbles are scattered around them, containing dialogue. In the bottom left corner, there is a separate, darker inset panel showing a close-up of the two characters' faces as they smile and laugh together.

YEAH!
WASNT TOP?

WHERE
DO YOU WANT
TO GO?

I'M ALIVE.

ANYWHERE!

ALRIGHT!
LET'S GO
ANYWHERE!

WELL ALWAYS
KEEP RUNNING

WE'LL ALWAYS
KEEP RUNNING

"THINK, WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO NOW?"

"UHH... I DON'T
KNOW YET."

"HOW ABOUT BECOMING A
PHOTOGRAPHER?"

"PHOTOGRAPHER?... DON'T THAT
SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO GO TO
COLLEGE TO BECOME?"

"IT DOESN'T MATTER IF
YOU DON'T, BUT ISN'T IT
BETTER TO STUDY AND
DO IT RIGHT?"

"COLLEGE...
COULD I GET INTO
COLLEGE?"

"THEN YOU CAN
STUDY WITH ME."

"STU... STUDY?"

"LET'S STUDY TOGETHER. I'LL
TEACH YOU EVERYTHING YOU DON'T
KNOW. YOU KNOW THAT I'M A
PRETTY GOOD STUDENT, RIGHT?"

"YEA..."

"THEN LET'S GET YOU
SIGNED UP FOR A COLLEGE
ENTRANCE EXAM STUDY
ACADEMY!"

"...YEA..."

"THANK YOU TO THOSE OF
YOU WHO'VE RUN WITH
'DREAMING ON BARTY' TO
THE VERY END."

-END-



Note from Translator:

Thank you readers who've followed "Running on Empty" from the beginning to the very end! Although a relatively short series, it's taken longer than I'd intended to scanlate the 2 volumes for this series. A short "I'm sorry!" to our loyal followers of "Running on Empty" for the slow releases we've had. Although in my heart and mind, I'd hoped to finish this series a LONG time ago, real life and running a scanlation group didn't always work out the way that I wanted. However, after a long period of slow releases, we've finally managed to finish the series! HOOORAY XD!

As I looked over the calendar, considering which day to release our last chapter for "Running on Empty", I realized that it's been a year since our scanlation group, NOIR, started "WOOT!" "Running on Empty" was one of our first projects from the very first chapter and as I finished translating the series, I realized that I've been scanlating longer than I'd thought XD. Hopefully, instead of dying out, I hope that more readers (I mean you! "points at reader") will join us on staff at NOIR and help us get more chapters out for more BL manga enjoyment!

Again, thank you for readers who've continued with me from the beginning of the series to the very end! If you're looking for more series like "Running on Empty", visit us at <http://projectnoir.net> and check out some of our BL series! There is a relatively new BL full color manga series that I've started for NOIR with the intention of replacing this, "Running on Empty". Check us out and continue to support us! Long live NOIR!

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